



COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE



Making a Mark

COPS Partners with Maryland Sheriffs' Association

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Snapshots

COPS has awarded:

- ★ \$19.3 million to Maryland sheriffs.
- ★ \$11.7 million to Maryland law enforcement agencies under the COPS in Schools grant program to fund 98 School Resource Officers.
- ★ \$4.2 million for Value-Based Initiative grants, to involve the faith-based community in law enforcement efforts.
- ★ \$137 million nationwide for programs to prevent the use and production of methamphetamine.
- ★ \$83 million for training through the COPS national network of Regional Community Policing Institutes.
- ★ Over \$1 billion in total funding for technology.
- ★ Over \$9.4 billion in total funding has been awarded to state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies.

Assessing Responses to Problems: An Introductory Guide for Police Problem-Solvers Now Available!

COPS invites you to take a look at our newest publication *Assessing Responses to Problems* focuses on:

- ✓ Designing effective responses to problems,
- ✓ Implementing the response plan,
- ✓ Evaluating the plan as executed.

Assessing Responses to Problems helps law enforcement officials answer two main questions:

1. Did the problem decline?
2. If so, did the response cause the decline?

Assessing Responses to Problems is currently available at www.cops.usdoj.gov, and through the U.S. Department of Justice Response Center at 1.800.421.6770. Order your copy today.

Letter from Director Carl R. Peed Office of Community Oriented Policing Services

Local law enforcement constantly faces new challenges. When terrorists attacked on the morning of September 11, America's first responders were local law enforcement professionals, many of whom gave their lives for their country on that tragic day. Those brave men and women showed us by their actions the true meaning of the phrase "Protect and Serve." The COPS Office is proud to help local law enforcement meet its commitment to prevent crime and address new public safety challenges by advancing community policing.

An overwhelming majority of American law enforcement agencies have adopted community policing in recent years. These agencies have made their citizens active stakeholders in preserving public safety by constructively engaging their communities.

Community policing is not a new idea. It's a proven strategy that meets the many new challenges confronting law enforcement. Community policing has helped to restore crime-ridden neighborhoods, build trust between law enforcement officers and citizens, and solve problems that have eaten away at our quality of life for many years. Now it faces the challenge of securing our homeland against acts of terror.

One of the most disturbing aspects of the September 11 attacks is that the men who carried out these heinous acts lived among us for a long period of time before they struck. They ate in restaurants, shopped in stores, exercised in gyms, attended flight schools, and undoubtedly interacted with dozens of American citizens each day they operated within our borders.

By establishing strong working relationships with citizens and encouraging them to take an active role in their own safety, law enforcement agencies can prevent crime and the fear associated with crime. Likewise, individual citizens can assist law enforcement by learning about how criminal activity occurs, and providing the police with invaluable information about crimes or suspicious activities occurring in their communities. That is community policing in action, and it is now more important than ever. Community policing keeps America safe.

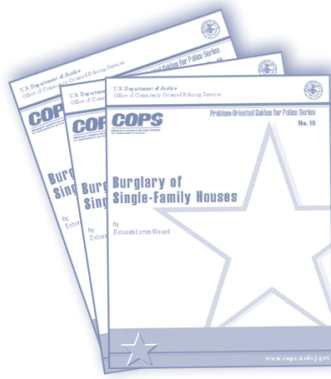
Tell Us about It!

COPS values feedback from law enforcement practitioners, and we want to hear from you! Please send us an email letting us know about your successful community policing efforts to reduce crime. You can send us an email at TellCOPS@usdoj.gov - we look forward to hearing from you.



Come On By

COPS invites you to stop by our booth to pick up some of our recent publications. COPS representatives will be on hand to answer any questions you may have on our publications and programs. COPS publications are also available on our website at www.cops.usdoj.gov.



New Problem Oriented Policing (POP) Guides!

COPS presents new POP Guides, reinforcing local law enforcement efforts in the fight to protect citizens from crime. The Guides focus on identifying the underlying factors of specific problems. The newest additions to the POP Guides series are:

- ✓ Bullying in Schools
- ✓ Burglary of Single-Family Houses
- ✓ Misuse and Abuse of 911

Call 800.421.6770 for copies of these, and all COPS publications. All COPS publications are available at www.cops.usdoj.gov.

Please keep an eye out for the new COPS website debuting soon.

What's Working for You:

Law Enforcement Officers Keep Our Schools Safe

Law enforcement officers who work in schools are critical to preserving and enhancing school safety. Along with enforcing the law, officers working in schools help build valuable relationships between the community, school, and law enforcement.

Law enforcement officers play many roles at school. They are leaders, teachers, counselors, coaches, and mentors to students. Most importantly, they are good role models. As a result of this valuable interaction, young people form a positive view of the police some even consider careers in law enforcement. While some students may consult the law enforcement officer in their school on an important life decision, others may simply remember the friendly officers who greeted them in the school hallway.

Officers who work with students not only change lives, they also save lives. For example, SRO Stephen A. Taylor in New Bedford, Massachusetts worked with school administrators and teachers to foil an attack dubbed the New Bedford School Massacre. The trust and respect that Officer Taylor earned from the students in his care helped an investigative effort that involved law enforcement, teachers, and even custodial staff. The would-be attackers were arrested in their homes before they could hurt anyone.

Helping local agencies preserve school safety has long been a top priority at the COPS Office. The COPS in Schools (CIS) program provides funding to hire law enforcement officers and train them, as well as the school administrators with whom they will work. Since 1997, COPS has funded more than 4,800 School Resource Officers across the country, helping to make our schools safe. COPS in Schools is just one more way community policing keeps America safe.